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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement mailed December 15, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, Species II, covered by claim 4.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims prior to the issuance of any patent maturing from the instant application.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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